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REPORT NO. [redacted]

TOPIC Soviet Troops in the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr and in Urfahr

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DATE OF CONTENT 5 and 7 April 1952

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1. On 5 and 7 April 1952, the Auhof Kaserne, near Urfahr (N 49/V 88), was occupied by troops all of whom wore black-bordered red epaulets, except for about 10 percent who wore red-bordered black epaulets. The ranking officer with black-bordered red service color was a senior lieutenant; the senior officer wearing red-bordered black service color was a major. Eighteen of 25 officers wearing black-bordered red epaulets wore artillery insignia. One senior Lieutenant was seen wearing red-bordered black epaulets with tank insignia. About 280 EM were seen drilling and at various activities in the barracks area. About 12 AT guns without muzzle brakes, 6 mortars and two-wheeled chassis and 1 SU-76 were seen. Twelve trucks were in the garages, and 9 trucks were at several places in the barracks area.

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ABOUT two companies were seen firing at 48 practice targets on the firing range and training field west of the installation. Another company which seemed to wear black-bordered red epaulets practiced in trenches. Imprints of tracks were seen. Three trucks were in the wooden garage of the firing range and training field. Motor vehicles were refilled from drums nearby.\*

2. On 7 April 1952, about 60 soldiers wearing black-bordered red epaulets were seen in the yard of the Urfahr Kommandatura. Four motor vehicles were in the garage in the yard.

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3. About 50 soldiers were seen in the Auhof Kaserne near Urfahr on 5 April 1952. The sentry wore crimson service color. About 22 guns which source thought were AT guns and two trucks were parked between two billets. The guns had pneumatic tires and no muzzle brake. Three trucks [redacted] were in the wooden garage of the firing range and training field west of the installation.\*

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b. No persons or motor vehicles were seen at the Urfehr komendatura on 5 April 1952. About 30 soldiers were seen working in the yard of the komendatura. They wore crimson epaulets on their shirts.

25X1 [redacted] Comments. The information on service colors, types of arms and training activity observed at the Auhoi Kas-rue tends to indicate that this installation is occupied by components of a motorized rifle regiment [redacted]

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25X1 [redacted] The 207th Cds Riffle Regt of the 95th Cds Rtz Riffle Div which had not previously been identified is now carried at the Auhoi Kaserne in Urfehr.

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